

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1895.

This part of Kobe was officially declared free of infectious diseases a few days ago.

The *Mercury's* Tientsin correspondent states that Wu Tung-fang (Ng Choy), has been appointed foreign interpreter and legal adviser to the Taungli Yamen, a similar position to that which he held with the Tientsin Vice-roy and Customs. Taotai. We continue. "This is a step in the right direction and the need of such a man was greatly felt at Peking. Formerly that post was held by Dr. Martin, of the Peking College, but he lacked legal training and knowledge. We cease to be, however, the director of the Tientsin Literary and Scientific College.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 4:15 p.m. Orders of the day are:

1. The President will move—"That the Medical Officer of Health be appointed, under the provisions of Section 3 of Ordinance 11 of 1895, member of the Select Committee controlling the work connected with the removal of illegal cubicles and illegal cocklofts, the stopping of the illegal occupation of basements, and seeing that common lodging-houses are properly occupied."

2. Bye-laws for regulating the offensive trades of bone-boiling, tallow-melting, fat-melting and fat-extracting.

This grave old prison of Holloway must have felt itself desecrated by the proceedings which were held there during the latter end of October. It was necessary to hold a meeting of directors of the notorious Ballou group of now insolvent companies, and as so many of the guiding "stars" of these companies were then enjoying the hospitality of the Crown within the walls of that well-known establishment in "northern latitude" the authorities permitted the meeting to be held in the gaol. Probably a scatment of melancholy permeated that meeting which must have been shorn of the profuse hospitality which was accorded by the companies to the directors in times that, fortunately, now are no more.

OUR young friend "Jack" E. Humphreys, the youngest son of Mr. John D. Humphreys, who, as we announced the other day, proposes to keep us all up to time with his very own *Clock*, has been distinguishing himself in aquatic circles at home. London sporting papers received by the mail on Saturday state that he and a fellow-clubman named Durham have been giving exhibitions of "fancy" swimming and diving at all the principal aquatic sports in London this season, and have fairly surprised the best judges of the art, so much so in fact that they received an invitation to give a private exhibition before the Duke of York and a select party, admission to which was, when the mail left, eagerly sought by the highest in the land. Bravo, "Jack"! May your success in life generally be commensurate with your recent brilliant achievements in "London town."

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday, 5th instant at 3:30 p.m.

BUSINESS:—

1. Report of the Finance Committee.

2. Report of the Public Works Committee.

3. Questions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law as to certain Monies paid into the Supreme Court or to the Receiver thereof."

2. First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend "The Stamp Ordinance," 1886."

3. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding two millions four hundred and seventy-nine thousand and sixty-two Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1895."

4. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend "The Widows' and Orphans' Pensions" Ordinances of 1890 and 1891 (No. 30 of 1890 and 18 of 1891)."

5. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend the Police Force Consolidation," 14, of 1887."

6. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize in certain cases judicial investigations into the causes of fire."

7. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the recognition in the Colony of Probates and Letters of Administration granted in British Possessions."

8. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend "The Bankruptcy Ordinance," 1891."

9. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend "The Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-Houses, and Markets Ordinance," 1891."

N.B.—There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee immediately after the meeting of Council.

THE *China Gazette* learns that the mysterious survey at present being conducted in this neighbourhood of Shanghai, by the Governor of Soochow, with some officials, and a couple of foreigners, is undertaken on behalf of the John Cockerill Company of Belgium, who have in some way guaranteed a portion of the preliminary expenses. No contracts have been signed, though the Vice-roy Chan Chih-ting is naturally very kind and encouraging to the gentlemen who have so thoughtfully placed their time, their talents, and their advice at his service. The Cockerill Company have, however, done very well out of Chang over his unfortunate and unprofitable white elephant schemes in Central China, and no doubt the survey is undertaken largely out of that kind gratitude which the cyclo has so aptly described as a lively sense of favours to come. However that may be, the *Gazette's* really trusts that something tangible may come out of the survey, and that it will not be forgotten as soon as the engineers' instruments are packed away, and their reports safely pigeon-holed in Nanking.

ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHERSOLE HOSPITALS. Statistics for November, 1895.

A.M.H. N.H.
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st November..... 29 23
In-Patients admitted to Hospital during November..... 26 28

Total number treated as In-Patients..... 55 51
Of these there were:—
Discharged cured..... 28 10
Discharged relieved..... 12 15
Discharged on other grounds..... 2 4
Died in Hospital..... 4 3
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st December..... 23 17
Out-Patients, new cases..... 935 35
Out-Patients, return visits..... 756 30

Total number of Out-Patients visits..... 1601 65
JOHN C. THOMSON, M.D., M.A., Superintendent.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Dec. 1st 1895—Kowloon, 1431 Chinese, 1,715 total.

On Saturday evening next the Hongkong public will be afforded an opportunity to witness a rare treat in the humorous and dramatic Recital to be given by the favourite American reader, Professor C. G. Whiting, at Mount Austin Hotel. Professor Whiting has just arrived in our city, having completed very successful engagements in the principal cities of the United States and Canada, and is now making a tour of the world. His performance consists of highly dramatic and intensely amusing recitations from the most popular authors and humorous writers of the day; the impersonation of quaint characters, and imitations of numerous dialects. He is said to be possessed of a magnetism of high degree, and has the happy faculty which proclaims the true artist, of becoming a favourite with his audience at once and holding it as with a mesmeric power until he has finished speaking. His programme on Saturday evening will be principally of a humorous nature, but will be interspersed with enough pathos and tragedy to show a versatility possessed by few artists in this line of business. If we may be guided by expressions of opinion on his performance at cities where he has appeared we can safely assure all who can find it convenient to attend, an evening's entertainment far above the average, and one that we rarely have the privilege of enjoying.

THE "EDGAR" CALAMITY.

Mr. C. E. Lloyd-Thomas, one of the officers of H.M.S. *Edgar*, wrote to a friend in Yokohama brief particulars of the recent drowning of a number of members of that vessel's crew, and the following extract from his letter has been published in the *Yokohama Herald*. The letter is dated H.M.S. *Edgar*, Chemulpo, November 15th:

"A fearful accident happened the day before yesterday. My company and five officers (that includes Mr. Eriksen, Rymer, myself, Hobson and Macworth) were landed on an island for company drill. After finishing drill we marched back to the boat and embarked for the ship; seas began to come in over the bows and she was filling, so we turned round and made for the shore. When about 600 yards off the shore she filled and sank. Nearly everybody jumped overboard at once, but I couldn't, as I was in the bottom of the boat trying to bail out. When she sank I swam clear, and then swam back to get hold of something and found about a foot of the mast sticking up. I held on to that for a short time and then it sank. I then swam about looking for something and saw Hobson with a breaker and joined him, but we found it sinking and we had to look out for something else and I was just starting to swim for shore when I saw two men with a breaker, so I joined them, and just put my finger through the breaker keeping myself afloat until I was picked up by a Russian steamboat. We were in the water 15 minutes, temperature 48, and tem. of air 40. All of the officers were saved, but only 18 men, making only 23 out of 71. I am afraid the men lost their heads completely, for they seemed to let go of things they had hold of. Our poor little drummer was picked up unconscious and died afterwards."

THE LATE MR. POON PONG.

Nihil quod latet non ornauit.

Though the sad event had not been altogether unexpected by his more intimate friends, yet those who had the honour and pleasure of close friendship with him, in common with the great mass of the general public of all nationalities received the news of the death on Wednesday last of our esteemed fellow-citizen Mr. Poon Pong with the deepest sense of regret, as we intimated at the time. The deceased was first taken seriously ill about six weeks ago, and although all that human skill and ingenuity could possibly devise was done for the patient yet so persistent was the attack of diabetes, which caused his death, that all attempts to arrest the progress of the disease were of no avail and at length all hope of saving the useful life of him whose loss we mourn to-day had to be reluctantly abandoned and he gradually sank into the deep sleep from which there is no awakening.

Mr. Poon Pong, who was 57 years of age, was born in the historical neighbouring city of Canton. A cautious financier, a man of action when action was needed, instant in season and out of season, warm-hearted, and liberal, kind yet firm, and above all a man of the strictest integrity, Mr. Poon Pong for years past held an enviable position in commercial circles here, in Canton, and, indeed, throughout the open ports of China. But not only was he highly esteemed by business-men of all nationalities (who were ever ready to accept his word with the same certainty as they would many men's bonds) but he was loved by the needy, the fatherless, the unfortunate, many of whom now deplore the loss of one who was to them a "friend in need."

The deceased at the time of his death was Manager-in-Chief of two flourishing native Banks which are to-day supplying what had been a long-felt want, and he was a member of various Boards of Direction of public companies, including such well known limited liability concerns as the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, the Land Investment Company, the High-level Tramways Company, and he was also a member of the Committee of the Tong Wah hospital.

If words of sincerest sympathy and every mark of tender and delicate respect could efface the sorrow which now overwhelms his family on account of the sore affliction which has come upon them, they would be even now fully compensated. From far and near tokens of esteem for the dead and sympathy with the living have come; Government officials, bankers, foreign and native, the heads of many prominent foreign firms, clerks, Compradores, and others of both high and low estate have all contributed tokens of their respect for a gentleman of whom it may truly be said, "he touched nothing which he did not adorn."

THE GENERAL.

To-day the mortal remains of Mr. Poon were consigned to their temporary resting place at Lap-sap-wan. The costly coffin containing them was followed along the crowded streets by many scores of sorrowing people, who paid by their presence the respect in which the deceased was held by the general public. The pageant in Mongkong today was a tribute of respect

for the memory of Mr. Poon Pong that well signifies that his many good actions will not be forgotten by those who are left to mourn the loss of a true friend.

Long before the time appointed (2 p.m.) for the lengthy *ceremony*—the grandest and most numerously attended funeral that we remember seeing in Hongkong—too many from Praya Central towards Lapsapwan, the streets in the vicinity of the deceased's city residence (No. 100 Praya Central) were crowded and those who had been favoured with invitations to attend the ceremony experienced no little difficulty in getting within a stone's throw of the house. Hundreds of

the friends of the deceased called at the house during the forenoon to take part in the funeral rites, which were performed by priests and relatives in a solemn and very impressive manner.

The funeral pageant of the deceased was remarkable many ways and the great number of mourners attracted a good deal of attention. These latter included Messrs. Poon Sui, Liu, Poon Ngok Pong, Poon Sui Wing, Poon Kwan, Poon Sui Kam and Poon Sui Kong, the deceased's sons, who followed in deep mourning. Among those who attended were the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. C. W. Hastings, Acting Harbour Master and Acting Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. A. G. Romano, Consul General for Portugal; Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Hon. E. R. Bellis, C. M. G., Messrs. H. N. Mody, J. B. Gomes, Victor H. Deacon, Jno. D. Hamphreys, G. R. Stevens, C. Ewens, T. Arnold, S. Rustamjee, Mak Ngan Wai, Fung Wa Cheun, Chol Chee Bee, Chong Si Kit, Ho Fuk, Wei Yuk, Lau Chuen, Ho Watson, Siu Tak Fun, Fung Min San and many other prominent members of the community. The procession, which took half an hour to pass a given point, wended its way down Queen's Road, through Bonham Strand and along Praya West to Lapsapwan, where the coffin will be kept until the deceased's eldest son arrives from Peking.

THE SMUGGLING CASE.

JUDGMENT.

Judgment was given this afternoon in the case of the master of the steamer *Keoneval*, charged with converting opium in contravention of the *Prepared Opium Ordinance*. His Worship held that by the provisions of the Ordinance the onus of proving that all reasonable precautions had been taken rested upon the defendant, and no evidence had been brought to prove that such precaution had been taken; and, again, the possession or mere fact of the opium being on the ship was *prima facie* evidence of knowledge on the part of the ship and master unless proved to the contrary. In these circumstances he found the master, Captain Unsworth, guilty, and imposed a fine of \$350 on him; the opium seized to be confiscated.

In the case of the second officer, as no evidence was brought of his knowledge of the presence of the opium, he was discharged.

Mr. Pollock gave notice, on behalf of Captain Unsworth, that the case would be taken to a higher court.

ANOTHER WAR OFFICE SCANDAL.

The Royal Commission, presided over by the Duke of Devonshire (then Lord Hartington), in a voluminous report which was laid before both Houses of Parliament recommended various drastic reforms in the administration of the War Office. We subjoin an extract from a London contemporary which goes far to show that at all events as far as the competitive system for the admission of gentlemen into the service goes, a thorough cleansing of the Augent stable is demanded. M. Labouche, lately blighted in *Truth* at gross irregularities regarding the examination of candidates. It seems, as is usual with "Lobby's" information, that this was correct, and a very unavowable scandal is the result. Our contemporary says: "What looks like a wholesale system of bribery and corruption has been going on for a considerable time in connection with examinations for commissioners in the Royal Engineers for commissions in the Militia. The War Office authorities, as usual, have been suspiciously deliberate in taking steps to discover the culprits, who are in all likelihood individuals of some influence and importance in the service. The dishonest practices complained of are now attracting so much attention, not only in military circles but also among the civilian whose friends have suffered, that a searching investigation is promised with a view to terminate the scandal. The revelations made so far point to a systematic betrayal of the contents of the examination papers to favoured candidates who have been given an unfair advantage over the competitors. It is to be hoped that no attempt will be made to screen the guilty officials, whose conduct richly merits severe punishment."

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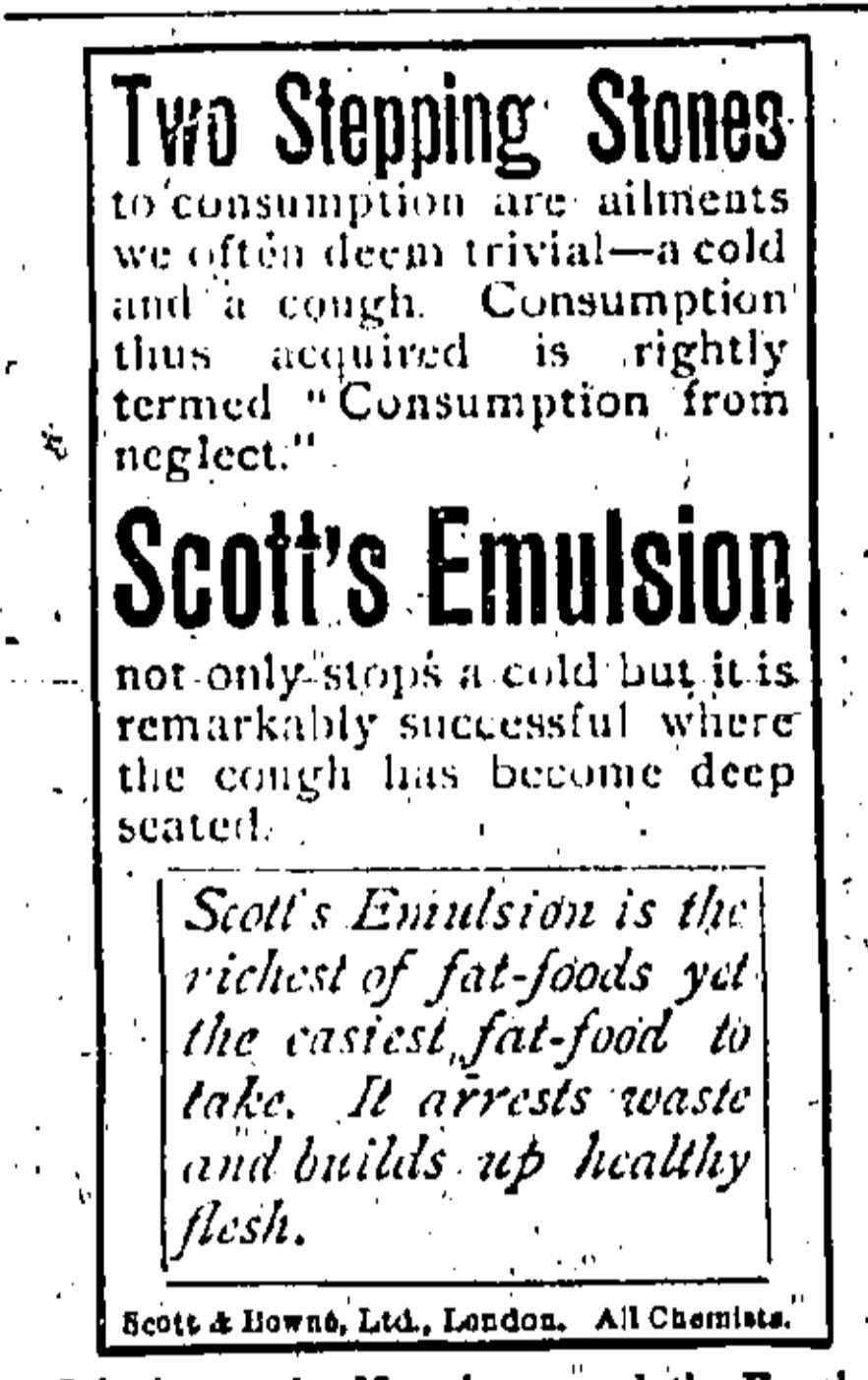
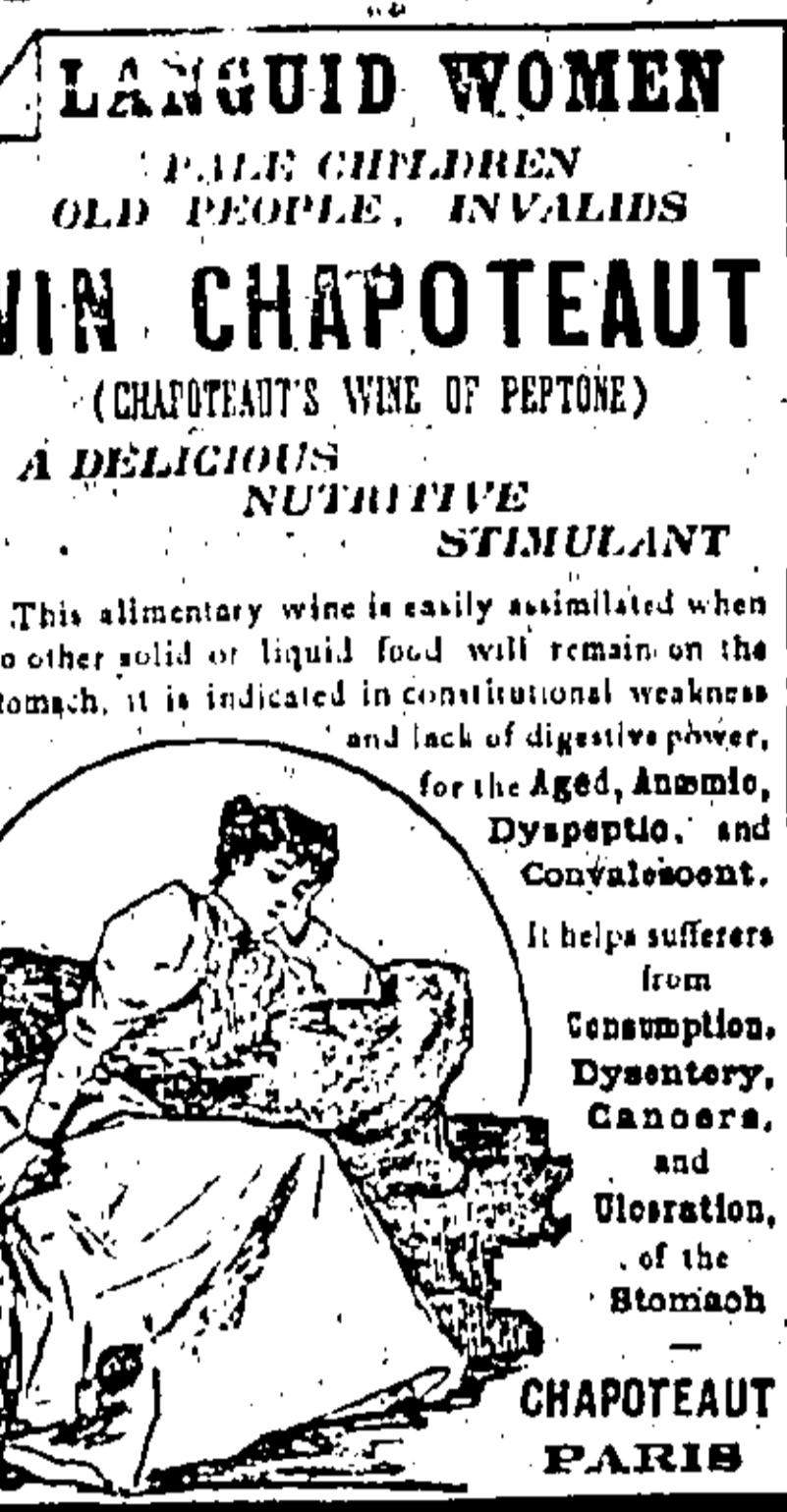
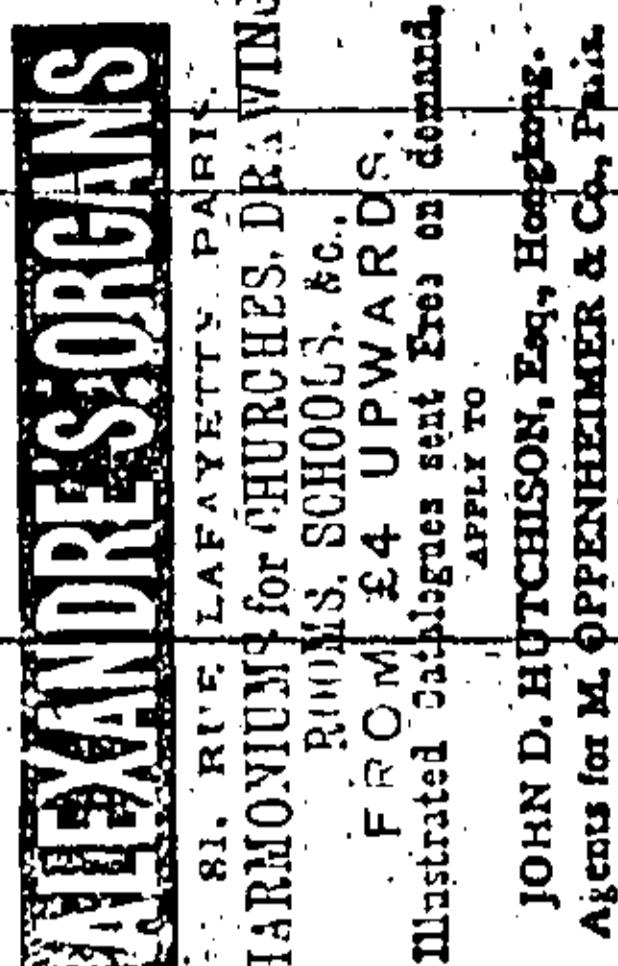
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Hongkong, 10th November, 1895. [1654]

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"TELMAN,"
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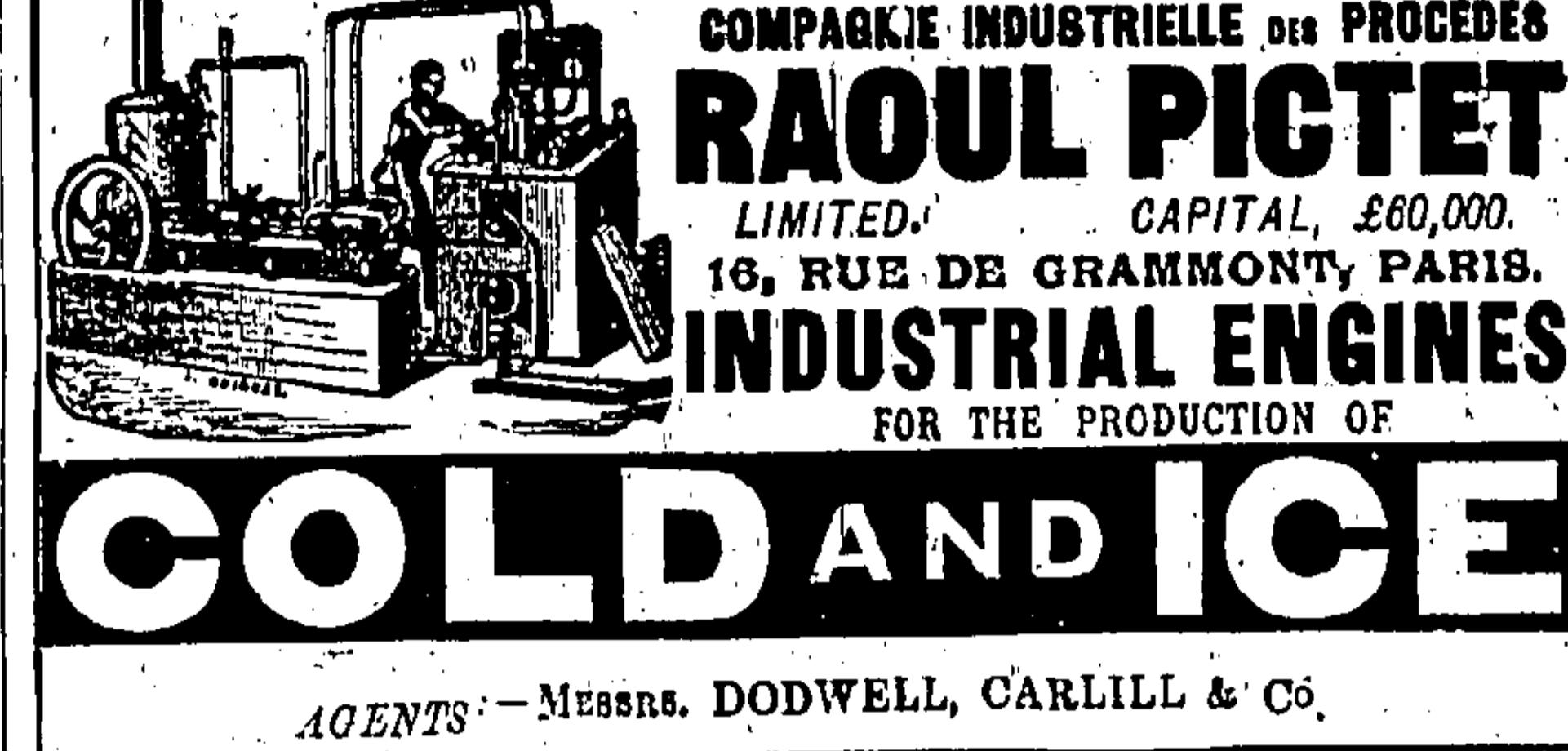
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1895. [1661]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"DEVONHURST,"
Captain J. D. Reece, will be despatched on
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A Surgeon, and a duly qualified Surgeon
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"CHFLYURA,"
Captain R. Cass, will be despatched as above
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For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers:

Hongkong, 30th November, 1895. [1664]

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"EUPLECTELA,"
Captain F. Morris, will be despatched as above
on or about the 7th December.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents:

Hongkong, 26th November, 1895. [1665]

"TETARTOS,"
Captain Dinsse, will be despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th December, at 4 P.M.

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"BENGLOE,"
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